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1. On 6 June 1951 a meeting was held in East Berlin attended by several cabinet ministers and their state secretaries and by the directors of some of the VVB's, of the Deutsche Handelszentrale, and of certain key industries. Heinrich Rau, Minister of Planning, presided.
2. The meeting was concerned with a study of methods for improving the administration of the economy of East Germany and making it independent of the West. The measures discussed included the complete sealing off of West Germany and West Berlin at the earliest possible date. Rau let it be understood that this sealing off had already been decided upon and would take effect shortly.
3. Informal statements made by some of the important participants at the meeting indicated that new provocations will be used, which will be designed to result in a blockade of Berlin.

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